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Ban On Women in Military Combat Ends



Two female soldiers stand on guard in the Middle East. A new defense commission announced last month is expected to open hundreds of thousand of jobs and front-line positions to females in the armed forces. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Decision reflects women's presence in combat areas, stirs concern about double standards

EVAN DUBAIL CAMPUS AND CITY EDITOR

Leon Panetta, the United States Secretary of Defense, announced Jan. 24 that the ban on women serving in front-line combat situations has been lifted.

The order negates a 1994 rule that prevented women from serving in small ground combat units. The Pentagon claims that hundreds of thousands of added combat positions and high-ranking elite positions are now open to women in the armed forces. Previously, women have accounted for only 14.5 percent of active duty soldiers and have never been allowed the same combat opportunities as male soldiers.

The lift of the ban arrived after years of protest from females in the military and civil rights advocates. In a time at which gender equality is one of the most widespread political talking points, developments such as this are seen as signs of change in the nation's social landscape.

The idea of women in combat has long been debated, as many claim that women do not possess the physical strength or skill to perform in such a position. Others claim that many women have shown extreme resilience on the field of battle and that they should be

allowed the option to serve on the front line.

Junior Josh Payne, who plans to serve in the military, believes the change is generally a positive one.

"I personally have no problem with the idea as long as a couple things are followed," Payne said. "First, that the current physical qualifications and training that are set for men should have no leniency due to the sex of the soldier. Second, that the presence of women in combat scenarios does not change, hinder, or impede the orders, duty or safety of those around them."

Still, Payne believes there are a number of possible issues that may accompany the lift of the ban. He said that in hostage situations, a single woman may be rescued before multiple men due to human instinct.

"It isn't sexism. It's the way we are wired and the way our society is designed to think," he said. "If a woman is able to perform the same tasks as a man, then more power to her. But if it endangers or risks the lives of those around them, I simply don't know if equality is worth the potential risk," Payne said.

Junior Emily Maury supports the lift on the ban and believes the change is important and has been long warranted. She claims women play a major part in the success of the army.

"I feel that as a country that prides itself so much on equality for all people, it's finally nice to see wom-



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta shakes hands Jan. 24 with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey after announcing the removal of a 1994 ban on women serving in military combat situations.

en having a more active role in defending our country," Maury said. "Women play such an integral part in the mission of our country and they should be commended for the work they have done."

Boy Scouts Table Decision on Gay Members

Local troop leaders, however, have already declared their intent to ignore the ban even if it remains

CLARA MEDALIE CAMPUS AND CITY EDITOR

Local Boy Scout troops have decided not to forbid gay people from participating in scouting despite the current ban.

One of the nation's largest private youth organizations, the Boy Scouts of America, seriously considered eliminating their decades-long ban on gay members and leaders earlier this month, only to postpone their decision until May.

Local Boy Scout troop leader Benjamin Nutter said he was disappointed by the organization's move to delay the decision. "I'm worried the postponement will stop the ban from being removed," Nutter said.

If the policy had been changed at a national Boy Scout board member meeting Feb. 6, it would have been a radical shift from the Boy Scout's current ban on gay members and leaders. The youth organization currently has policies that prohibit gay people, atheists and agnostics from being a part of the organization on the grounds that such people directly violate the organization's principles. The policy change would have eliminated the ban from the national organization's rules and left local scout organizations to decide for themselves whether to allow gay scouts and leaders.

Before the announcement that the decision to remove the ban was postponed, sophomore Boy Scout Jack Canaday said adult leaders in his and other local troops circulated a statement that said they would disregard national organization policy on gay people. "Recently, leadership in our troop and troops in the area decided that if the council decides to keep the ban in effect, they will ignore the policy," Canaday said.



ANDREW TAYLOR-SHAUT

Referring to himself and several other troop leaders, Nutter said, "We've already decided to ignore [the ban]." Despite this, he said he would be very excited if the national organization removed it.

In 2000, the Boy Scouts won a Supreme Court case, 5-4, ruling that the ban was constitutional because the BSA is a private organization. However, the organization is under increasing pressure from gay rights activists and others, including President Barack Obama, to lift the ban.

Last July, the organization released a public statement reaffirming the ban on gay members despite many public protests. After the reaffirmation, Boy Scouts faced a membership decline and a donations boycott by some corporations over its anti-gay policy. Youth membership in the Boy Scouts has declined 21 percent since 2000, and adult leader membership has declined by 14 percent.

Before the organization's national meeting, Obama endorsed removing the ban on gay members. "The Scouts are a great institution... and I think that nobody should be barred from that," he said during an interview with CBS news on Super Bowl Sunday Feb. 2. By Feb. 6, the BSA had delayed the vote.



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Local Boy Scout Troop 662 participates in outdoor activities. Boy Scouts provides educational and character building programs to 14,000 youth in Cuyahoga County.



Tiara Freeman-Sargent

Girl Scouts Have More Open Policy

Girl Scouts of America's policy on gay members is more open than that of the Boy Scouts organization.

Junior Tiara Freeman-Sargent is a member of Girl Scouts troop 1510 and said the group's policy contrasts that of the BSA. "Unlike Boy Scouts, lesbians can be troop leaders and be a part of Girl Scouts," she said.

Freeman-Sargent said that in her troop, everyone is accepted. "Sexual orientation has nothing to do with Girl Scouts. We are about promoting women," she said.

According to the organization's official rules, no preference is given to any specific sexuality. The official position statement of the Girl Scouts is "All citizens, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, have the right to housing, employment, and to be free from violence and harassment."

According to a position statement on LGBT issues, Girl Scouts of America is increasingly working to raise awareness of LGBT rights. The organization now features well-known LGBT activists as role-models at Girl Scouts events, in Girl Scout materials and by referring girls to websites that promote LGBT rights.

CLARA MEDALIE

Despite Violence, Band Still Plans Trip to Turkey

The recent fatal bombing at the US Embassy has left some nervous, others confident of safety

CLARA MEDALIE CAMPUS AND CITY EDITOR

Despite the recent bombing of the United States Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, the Shaker band's scheduled trip to Istanbul this spring will proceed.

On Feb. 1, a suicide bomber detonated a bomb outside a personnel entrance to the U.S. Embassy killing a Turkish guard and himself while injuring others. The Embassy is approximately 280 miles from Istanbul, the band trip's destination.

Freshman Evan Pascarella, who plans to go with the band to Turkey said, "I don't think it's [the bombing is] going to affect the trip in any way."

Pascarella thinks the distance between Ankara and Istanbul is great enough as to not pose a safety threat, which is why he is not worried.

After the bombing and the murder of an American tourist in Turkey, Principal Michael Griffith sent a letter to families of students going on the trip. In the letter, Griffith wrote, "Based on what we have learned to date through considerable research, we believe the trip should proceed."

Griffith said tourism in the areas the band will visit is proceeding normally. On Feb. 1, the U.S. Ambassador to Turkey issued a statement declaring that Turkey is safe for Ameri-



Evan Pascarella

cans. Griffith quoted the ambassador's statement in his letter.

Griffith wrote that the trip will be canceled if the situation in Turkey changes or if administrators receive new information and conclude that the trip should be canceled for safety reasons.

Griffith then noted that, "Arranging an alternate trip with this many people is not feasible."

"The letter that they sent out encouraged me," said Caroline Weingart, a parent of a student participating in the band trip.

Weingart plans to attend the school-affiliated shadow trip with her family. When she first heard that the U.S. embassy was bombed, Weingart admitted she was very nervous. However, she said, "I trust [that administrators] are going to keep us safe."

PAWS Club Helps Students Help Animals

New group will raise money for local animal shelters and send volunteers

CLARA MEDALIE CAMPUS AND CITY EDITOR

A love for animals and a bad case of allergies sparked sophomore Cherie Lo's creation of the Protecting Animal Welfare Society, also known as the PAWS club.



Cherie Lo

"I've always loved animals, but I have allergies to basically everything that moves," said Lo, for whom pet ownership is out of the question. "Because I can't have a pet and I really love them, I wanted to do something involved with animals," she said. "I can't have a pet but I can still interact," said Lo.

However, Lo's plan to join an animal-orientated club at the high school stalled when she realized there wasn't one. That's how her idea to start the PAWS club was born. After presenting her idea to the Student Council executive board, Lo's club was exempted from the test period and given club status due to

general consensus by council. Social studies teacher Paul Kelly, Lo's former teacher, agreed to advise the club.

Lo said the club's goals will be to raise money for local animal shelters as well as awareness about animals without homes. The club also plans to send groups of students to volunteer at local animal shelters such as the Cleveland Humane Center and the Animal Rescue Center. "I hope [PAWS] will raise awareness in the high school about animals," Lo said as well.

Lo already has several ideas of how to raise money for the local shelters. She listed ventures such as selling animal-shaped cupcakes, creating quilts for sale and a raffle.

About 20 students attended PAWS first meeting held Feb. 6. At future meetings, members will elect officers and choose a theme for the year. Lo's plan for the club is for there to be a new theme every year.

Freshman Maisy Hanley attended the first meeting of the PAWS club. "I want to help animals because they do more for us than it seems," she said of her reason for joining the club.

Sophomore Ana Mitchell's reason for joining is simple. She said, "I want to help animals."



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Sophomore Cherie Lo leads the inaugural Protecting Animal Welfare Society meeting. Lo hung posters around the school featuring only animal footprints to foreshadow the coming club. PAWS hopes to volunteer at local shelters such as the Cleveland APL.



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CLEVELAND ANIMAL PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

Walker to Run Half-Marathon for Leukemia Research



EVAN DUBAIL/THE SHAKERITE

Senior Tia Morrison, junior Hannah Harris and Shaker alumnus LaShaun Stewart sell candy at the Feb. 12 men's basketball game vs. Mentor. Profits from the sale will help science teacher Jason Walker meet the \$1000 requirement to run the Cleveland Half-Marathon for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Walker has promised to grow his hair out when he reaches the \$1000 goal.

Teacher, students devote time and training to help fund research, provide support to patients

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Shaker science teacher Jason Walker is planning to run the May 18 Cleveland Half-Marathon to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

LLS is the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to blood cancer research and blood cancer patient services. In fiscal year 2011 alone, the society raised upwards of \$76 million for the cause.

To participate in the marathon in support of LLS, Walker has to raise \$1000, all of which will go directly to LLS research. To add an interesting spin to his fundraising, Walker, who shaves his head, will grow out his hair once he reaches the \$1000 mark.

Walker said he was already planning to participate in the event, but decided to join with LLS to help a good cause. By Feb. 12 he had raised \$580. His goal, he said, is to make as much money as possible to benefit LLS, and to do the best he can to improve his time in the 13.1-mile race.

Walker has also created Twitter and Instagram accounts for his fundraising, with the username @grow-fordough.

Seniors Kyra Hall and Tia Morrison, whose senior project is to fundraise for Shaker participants in the Cleveland Marathon to benefit LLS, organized an event Jan. 28 at Los Habeneros Restaurant in Shaker to help Walker meet the \$1000 requirement. Families were encouraged to dine at the restaurant, with an undisclosed portion of the proceeds going to LLS.

The students raised \$300 from the dining alone and another \$100 in tips.

The two seniors also organized a candy sale Feb. 12 at the Shaker men's basketball game versus Mentor at which Junior Hannah Harris and Shaker alum LaShaun Stewart also helped out.

Walker, meanwhile, is training intensely to prepare for the half-marathon.

"The training's been tough. I'm getting faster. I myself have been training since October and I'm slowly increasing distances to prepare," Walker said. He says his wife, who is skeptical about his plan to grow out his hair, fully supports the cause and is glad to see him put his running to good use.

According to Holly Coughlin, who works with LLS to support those coping with cancer and to help fundraising efforts, the 4 month LLS training program prepares participants to run 26.2 miles. Walker is not coming from nothing, though, having participated in the half-marathon before. Coughlin believes that Walker has done extremely well in the training so far.

"He's been amazing. There is group training on weekends in which the running team participants work out to prepare for the marathon," Coughlin said. Participants also take part in clinics about injury prevention and nutrition programs to remain healthy and fit for the marathon.

Coughlin said the organization hopes the money it raises will help find a cure for blood cancer. She added that LLS seeks to support those who are facing the challenge of combating cancer.

Walker plans to raise as much money for LLS beyond the initial requirement that he can.



Drop Old-School Ideas About Girls

Man up? More like girl up. There's nothing like change, if you can get it.

Ninety-two years after the American women's rights movement of the 1920s, women and girls are still striving for equality in the United States and around the world. Women such as 15-year-old Malala Yousafzai, who was shot in the head for vocalizing her support for equal education in Pakistan, still find themselves lacking basic rights granted freely to men.

However, uneducated women may not have the means of advocating for themselves and promoting equality. Women and girls in some developing nations face risk of exploitation as well as legal discrimination that prevents them from receiving an education.

One of UNICEF's goals to reach by 2015 is to empower women and eliminate gender disparity.

According to a UNICEF study, educated mothers will immunize their children and are twice as likely to send their children to school.

Women need to be able to advocate for themselves in order to make a change in their lives. UNICEF is promoting progress that women need. With education women can improve their quality of life, whether they are trying to improve health standards in a developing nation or get a better job than they currently have.

According to a study by IQ expert James Flynn, women's average IQ has been five points lower than the men's average for the past century because of discrimination against women. Flynn's study showed that women are beginning to score higher than men, but because of "discriminatory gender socializing" women are just beginning to reach their academic potential.

Junior Jessica Stahl said that she pushes herself ac-

ademically so that "when teachers think of me, they think of someone who works hard." Stahl said that she has never dropped a class, but she has switched levels when a class was too challenging.

Biology teacher Nathaniel Hsu hasn't noticed an increase in the number girls in his honors classes compared to boys over the past few years, but he said, "I feel like with the easier classes I've seen more girls, but I think there tends to be a higher dropout rate in the easier classes for boys." Guidance Counselor Catherine Szendrey said that students drop classes across the board and she does not see a trend of people who drop classes.

Gender differences should not play a role in the opportunities available to women or men. In order to achieve a new platform for women's education, old perceptions and stereotypes must be laid to rest. The world needs to recognize there is nothing scary about an educated girl.

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Speculating on the Futuristic Spectacles

Wouldn't it be neat if you could walk around and do all your Smartphone's distracting things without even pulling it out?

Google is developing something called Google Glass. It's a fancy name for a contraption that can do almost anything a Smartphone can. And it can be worn on an unfortunate looking band resembling glasses frames.



Franci Douglass

Although not much information has been released about Project Glass, the idea has brought significant excitement to technology lovers since it was first introduced in April 2012. Since introducing the project, Google has released several demonstrative videos and photos illustrating what the glasses would enable their user to do.

Features include Bluetooth, a video and picture camera as well as the ability to listen to music without ear buds. Someone us-

ing Google Glasses could use the gadget to do various things while performing a variety of daily activities, and those observing a Google Glasses user would never know.

Has social interaction come to the point where people try to avoid conversation? Teenagers can't go five minutes without pulling out some device.

Although not having to pull out your smart phone if you want to look at the most recent scandal in your digital world seems convenient, are people really this lazy? Smartphones have already taken away the necessity of committing things to memory because almost anything can be looked up.

If these glasses have the capabilities of a Smartphone, people's knowledge will be entirely based on the capabilities of their Smartphones. People can't do things as simple as memorize a phone number because of speed dial. My dad doesn't even know his own son's phone number.

The distribution of these products poses a potential

problem in schools. There are already kids in my classes who can't endure three minutes of a class without whipping out their phones and checking up on their moderately exciting lives.

Cheating on tests would be easy. Sometimes I wish I could be just a little more stealthy to just pull out my phone and look up that equation that no one could possibly remember. But thanks to Google, I can just ask my face protector!

People walk into things enough just looking down at their phones. With Google Glasses, they'll have image display right in front of their eyes, which will be even more distracting.

Maybe Google should consider including a detector that will alert wearers when there's someone right in front of them like those new cars have for when you're backing up.

Another great feature of Google Glasses is that it almost resembles head gear that you see on dorky girls in movies from awhile back. That's a look that really needs to come back.

Diagramming the Glasses

Google glasses would allow you to snap pictures, take videos, pick up a phone call or listen to music without ever pulling out a Smartphone.

Project Glass is still in the works, but here are some features that may someday appear on your face.

The Skull Vibrations Sound System

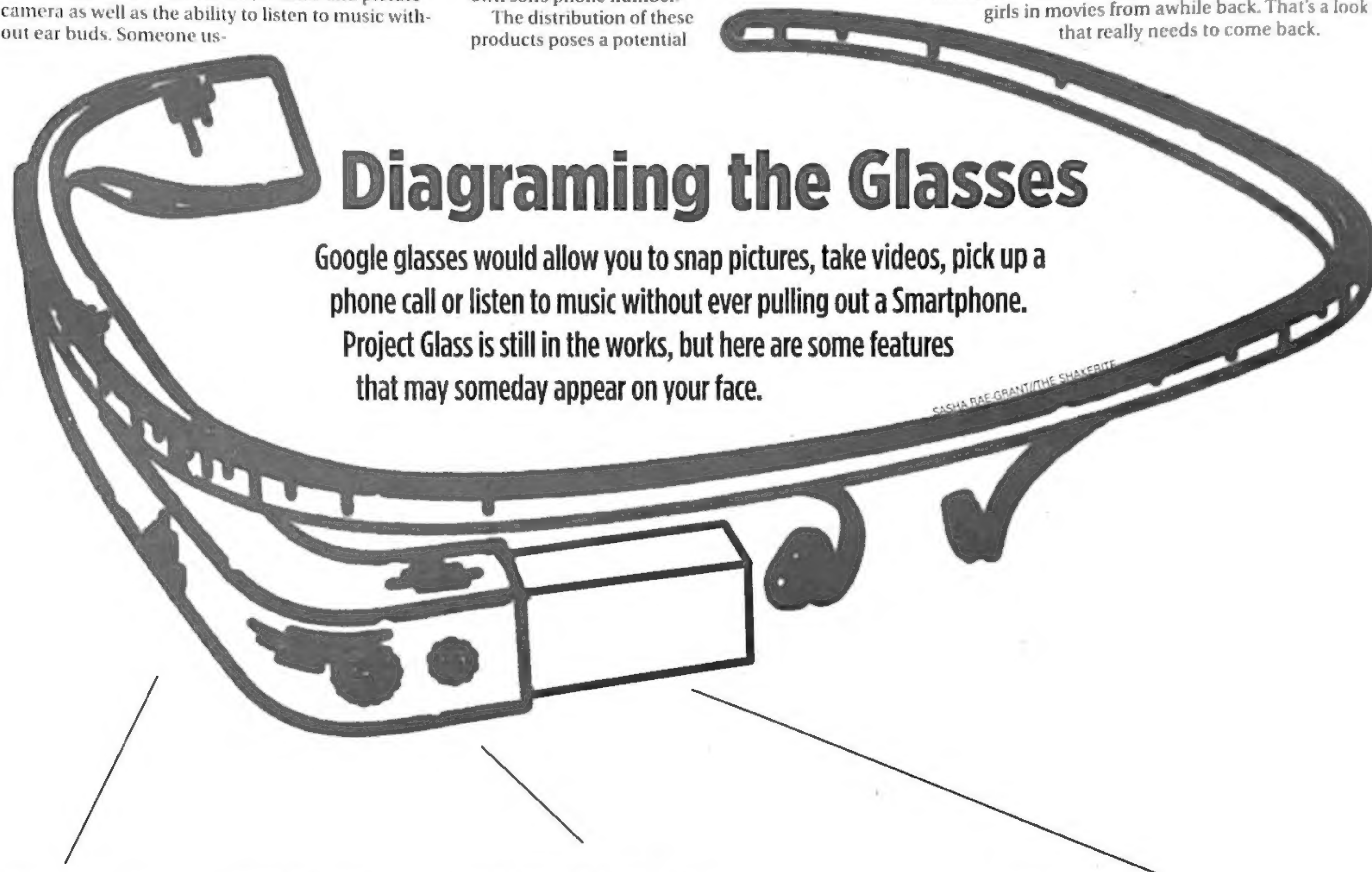
Google patented bone vibration technology for use in smart glasses and Project Glass. The glasses' frame would create vibrations through the wearer's skull causing the eardrums to register sound without any earpiece needed. The wearer will still be able to hear outside sounds, but surrounding people will not be able to hear the wearer's audio.

The Wearable Camera

Google announced one of Project Glass' primary focuses is the wearable camera. The camera will be able to take pictures and videos with the touch of a button. People will be able to take pictures they would have missed if they stopped to take out a camera or Smartphone. In addition to the camera, the glasses would have capabilities similar to a Smartphone, including Internet access, map software and a weather application.

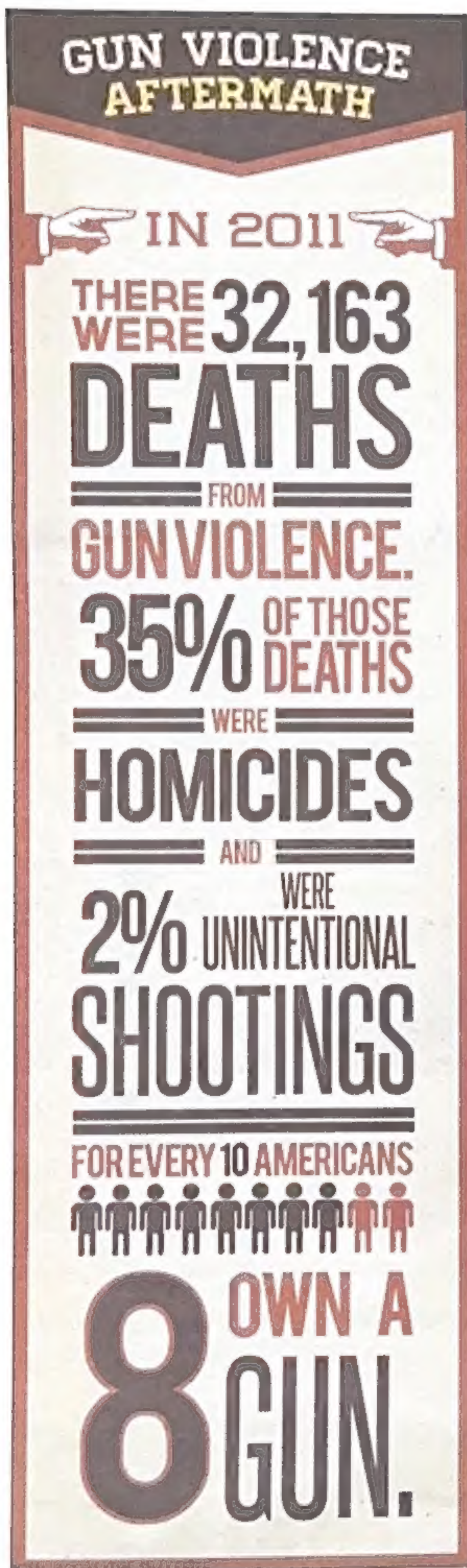
What You Would See in the Glasses

Project Glass is contained in a piece of technology users can attach to a pair of glasses. The wearer can use the lens to take pictures and videos as well as display computer graphics and real-time videos and images. The device comes fitted onto a glasses frame with no lens but it can be removed and attached to another pair of glasses.



Looking at U.S. Gun Violence

Following the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School, people flocked to buy guns to defend themselves. But based on national violence statistics, having more guns is not the way to go.



WHAT'S SO SCARY ABOUT AN EDUCATED GIRL?



Higher achievement among girls makes college admissions difficult for today's young women.

ABBY WHITE, ANNA SEBALLOS, HILLARY LACKS
AND BECKY MARCUS STAFF REPORTERS

Based on the numbers, Shaker girls kick Shaker boys' butts.

From the PLAN and Ohio Graduation Tests for high school students to the Terra Nova Tests and Ohio Achievement Assessments for younger students, Shaker students take about 33 standardized tests during their school careers. According to district statistics, girls scored higher than boys on 10 of the 2011 tests, but boys' scores never outranked girls'.

In view of these statistics, junior Danielle Nelson's assumption that being a woman "would definitely help for college admissions" makes sense. However, in America and abroad, that isn't always the case.

Traditional views of women as mothers and housewives have ebbed since World War I, spurring change in women's societal roles. According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, in 2010 47 percent of 18- to 24-year-old women were enrolled in college, compared to just 39 percent of men in the same age range.

As a result, universities are struggling to ensure a balance between male and female students on campus. Counselor Eric Peterjohn said college admissions are thus more competitive for girls – no matter how high a girl's test scores may be.

Women's fight for educational equality goes beyond college admissions. According to CNN, 54 percent of unschooled children are girls, and 510 million women make up two thirds of the world's illiterate population.

Karen Beckwith, professor of political science and women's studies at Case Western Reserve University, said these disproportionate statistics don't just disadvantage women. They also

disadvantage countries at large, particularly developing nations. "[The] education of girls and women has a hugely powerful impact in exactly the way that you'd want in a developing country," Beckwith said. "If you were putting together a team, you wouldn't say, 'I want half my team sick and illiterate.'"

A 2008 study by the World Bank, an international organization dedicated to aiding developing nations, found similar data. Results showed increased female education led to improvements in family life, from health to finances.

However, these recognized benefits have not led to change. Around the world, female education faces opposition. In October 2012, a gunman shot Malala Yousafzai, a 14-year-old Pakistani women's education activist, on a school bus. The shooter worked for the Taliban, a fundamentalist organization that closed more than 200 girls' schools in 2009 while keeping boys' schools open, prompting Yousafzai's public protests.

Even where there is no violence, there may be inequality. Christine Jeong, a 15-year-old South Korean student who currently lives in Nairobi, Kenya, wrote in an email interview that women in Kenya "generally are thought to be people who stay at home, look after their kids, or go to work ... as a cook/house help."

Korean women also face gender stereotypes. "[Women] are supposed to be feeble, womanlike, calm, composed and hard-working," Jeong wrote.

In America, women have dispelled many of those gender roles, considering themselves and being seen by others as men's equals.

"Men and women are definitely equal

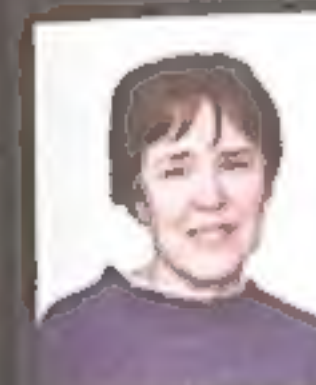
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Brown's column and Hillary
Lack's coverage of Girl-Up at:
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Race Versus Gender in Admissions

Senior Evelyn Ting has noticed different treatment between male and female college applicants. "Colleges and universities will try to send emails that target girls for math and science programs, so I get a lot more of that mail than my boy counterparts," Ting said. Ting is more concerned about race. "I just think that it would

be more common for an Asian to be discriminated against versus a woman to be discriminated against." However, Ting thinks society has come a long way in how it views educated girls. She said, "Women don't have to play dumb anymore."



Making It As A Woman In Science

Kathleen Kash, chairwoman of the Physics Department at Case Western Reserve University and a Shaker Heights High School parent, expresses hope for the future of women in science. "Women are good managers," Kash said. "Science is a collaborative effort; we [women] make better collaborators." But Kash notes that

a woman's resume is less likely to be accepted than a man's, citing an experiment in which a man and a woman submitted the same resume for a job and only the man's was accepted. In a lab after getting her doctorate, Kash recalls a technician telling her, "You shouldn't be here. You should be home having children."

Junior Boy Sees Differences



Junior Robby Douglass understands why some boys are intimidated by educated girls. "I don't think scary would be the right word to use, but I think a lot of guys feel the need to be dominant in a relationship," Douglass said. "I definitely love smart [girls], but I think some guys would feel weird if they thought their girlfriend was a lot smarter than them."

Douglass said he feels men and women are "far from equal," citing the differences between men and women. "Men work differently than women and the proof is easy," he said, noting that men and women often remember directions differently.

Girls' In-Class Experiences



Dual-enrolled at Cleveland Heights High School and Case Western Reserve University, senior Natasha Madorsky is high achieving. However, she has never been interested in the sciences; she has "never been in a really good science class." In all her classes, Madorsky noticed a gender imbalance. "All the

guys were the ones raising their hands and saying things frequently, except for me, which was also a strange thing because I was the only high school student in the room," Madorsky said that although adults are supportive now, in middle school it seemed to her that her male peers were considered smarter.

in intelligence," junior Cedric Maye said.

However, the fight for college admissions remains. This struggle made headlines in 2006 when Jennifer Delhanty Britz, Dean of Admissions at Kenyon College, published an open letter in the New York Times apologizing that "the fat acceptance envelope is simply more elusive for today's accomplished young women."

"The reality is that because young men are rarer, they're more valued applicants," Britz wrote. "What are the consequences of young men discovering that even if they do less, they have more options? And what messages are we sending young women that they must, nearly 25 years after the defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment, be even more accomplished than men to gain admission to the nation's top colleges?"

But Britz leaves out one important aspect: certain interests, namely science and engineering, can make women more valued applicants. Women are notorious minorities in these fields, at Shaker, 46 percent of science students are

girls, but AP science classes are only 34 percent female. This shortage makes science-oriented women hot commodities to college admissions boards.

"Females that want to study math or science in college have an advantage in the college process because there are not a lot of females going into these subjects," Peterjohn said.

However, being a woman in a male-dominated field comes with its own struggles. "It's harder for women to get recognized, so women have to achieve more than men," said Kathleen Kash, chairwoman of Case Western Reserve University's Physics Department and Shaker parent. "There's a lot of unrecognized bias against women in science still."

Similar divisions exist in high school. Senior Rachel Marek, one of three girls in her 14-student AP Physics Electricity and Magnetism class, wishes more girls took science-related classes. "It would be nice," Marek said, because she would enjoy the social company and believes

more girls should challenge themselves in science. "But it's not necessary."

At a recent robotics competition at Cleveland State University, "there were very few [girls], compared to the number of boys," Marek said.

According to 2011 OGT results, however, the lack of female participation in math and science doesn't reflect their skills in those subjects. While girls' scores did indeed triumph on the OGT Reading and Writing tests on average, the OGT Math test – a historically male-dominated subject – showed no distinction in gender achievement.

The test scores didn't surprise science teacher John O'Verko. "My experience has shown that girls are every bit the equal in science and engineering," he said.

"At this age ... I see more females take their education seriously," O'Verko said. But if college admissions pit male and female applicants against each other, those serious women may still be shunted into the waitlist abyss.

FROM FIRE MAN TO CHIEF CUSTODIAN, BROWN JOINS SHHS

ALLIE HARRIS SPOTLIGHT EDITOR

Sean Brown has worked in the Shaker school system for 22 years. This year, he became the high school's head custodian, replacing Tim Bates, who held the position for 30 years. Before coming to the high school, Brown served as head custodian at Onaway, Fernway and Lomond elementary schools and at the district's warehouse service center. Brown has a son at Woodbury Elementary School, a daughter at Onaway, where his wife is a teacher, and a son at the high school.



Is this your first time working at the high school?

I've been here now for four months. I started at the high school in 1990, and I worked here at that time for maybe six or seven months.

What jobs do you have specifically as the head custodian?

Well, you're in charge of the building, basically -- the maintenance of the building, the cleanliness of the building.

What tasks do custodians perform?

Well regular custodians, we're continuously working to keep the building clean and safe, basically. Any programs that we have here in the building we have to set up for, break down after they're done. Any special requests by teachers and administrators as far as tables and chairs, as far as moving copy paper to and from, things like that.

What are uncommon tasks?

A custodian touches every space of this building every night, so every classroom that a student is in, a custodian has cleaned, or affected the heat or air conditioning there.

What do you think about Shaker?

I love Shaker. I've been a resident of Shaker for about, maybe 14 years. My kids go to the Shaker school system, so I love the city and the district.

Did you have a different job?

Before [coming to Shaker], I was actually a boiler operator, and it was in training, I did a training stint as a boiler operator with the VA [hospital] in Cleveland before I came to Shaker. And that's how I got in to Shaker, as a boiler operator. I was the fire man here, for like I said, six months, seven months, and then they made me head custodian.

What influenced you to become a custodian?

Well, let's see. I was a boiler operator, and that's where I thought I wanted to go, but the opportunity for responsibility, I guess, is what influenced me to become the head custodian, honestly, because you get to run the building, as far as the set ups, the heating and the cooling. And as a boiler operator, normally, when I was at the VA, you're concerned only with the



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boiler room, but as a head custodian, you're responsible for the entire building.

What does a boiler operator do?

A boiler operator is responsible for maintaining the heat, for heating a building, and also for hot water in the building.

Can you explain how a boiler works?

You heat water to a high temperature until it creates steam. The boiler heats the water and the water goes out into a lot of different lines in the school.

Is it a dangerous job?

Yes, that's why you have to have someone who's licensed by the state. There's a state exam you have to take. Somebody has to be responsible. It's a closed metal vessel, you're heating water -- so there's always the chance that if something goes wrong there could be an explosion.

What are the biggest differences between overseeing an elementary school and the high school?

The level of activity. There's nowhere near the level of activity at the elementary schools that you have at the high school. At the elementary schools you have maybe one major event. At the high school, you have several major events, sometimes going on at the same time.

What did you like the best about the elementary schools?

I guess there's something to be said about the little kids. To watch them come in as kindergarteners, little children basically, and then they grow up in preparation for going to Woodbury as a fourth grader. To watch that change is something special.

What do you like best about the high school?

The busyness of it. You know, it's got a vibe. It's like a happening, it's like a big city. If you like a big city, then you'd like the high school. There's always something going on.

What does your son think about having his dad work at his school?

He thinks it's great. He's always here interacting with the staff.

Did you have any agreements between you and your son before you started working here?

No, just for him to represent himself and the family in the way that his mother and I taught him to.

Did Mr. Bates give you any advice before he left?

All the time. He and I talked last night, as a matter of fact. It's too much, you know, trying to learn on my own. He's been definitely helping me a lot.

What is one thing you want Shaker students to know about you?

I'm glad to be here at the high school. I feel very honored to have been selected by Principal Mike Griffith as the head custodian here at the high school.

Brown's Tour of Shaker

1991 Shaker Heights High School

1991-1994 Onaway Elementary School

1994-2007 Fernway Elementary School

"If you like a big city, then you'd like the high school. There's always something going on."

SEAN BROWN

Service Center Warehouse 2007-2012

Lomond Elementary School 2011-2012

Shaker Heights High School 2012- present

Shaker Bands Perform at The House of Blues

Three's Company Brings Hip-Hop Home

ALEX RICH SPOTLIGHT MUSIC EDITOR

As a self-proclaimed three-person, hip-hop super group, Three's Company has joined the Shaker music scene, even playing at the Grog Shop Nov. 23.

Alex Ramsay, Chris Gillooly and Brian Kirby comprise the trio, who write and record their own music.

"Brian and Alex are the lyricists for Three's Company," said Gillooly, who doubles as the group's producer. "All the lyrics we've performed and recorded are original." The group performed at the Rock Off Feb. 9.

Gillooly said the trio finds inspiration in groups signed by Rhymesayers Entertainment, which on its website identifies itself as "an independent hip-hop record label" founded in 1995. "Anything out of Rhymesayers Entertainment is an inspiration to us," he said.

Although they did not place at the Rock Off, the members were satisfied. "I thought it was crazy sick," said Ramsay, "and even though there were mess ups, things worked out." Kirby agreed. "As much as winning any place could have been good," he said, "I'm glad we didn't 'cause it shows reality, that things don't come to you. You have to work for them."

Ramsay predicts longevity for Three's Company. "You can probably expect to see more of us in the future," he said. "You can't get rid of us that easily."

Though formed fairly recently, Three's Company has been steadily recording music and offered advice to those who might want to do the same. "Don't rely on others," Brian Kirby said. "If you can't make a band, then go solo. If you can, make sure you know the people well enough to get along and have weird times together." Chris Gillooly advised "Have fun. And don't let your ego get to you." Finally, Alex Ramsay suggested, "Get together with some cool dudes and just do random stuff until something sounds wicked, yo. Keep practicing and just chill. Don't take yourselves seriously. Oh, and always shout out your mom on stage."



ALEX RAMSAY/THE SHAKERITE

Lack of Focus Revolutionizes Rock

ALEX RICH SPOTLIGHT MUSIC EDITOR

Jack Crowley, Giles VonDoom, Justin Hobbs and Louie Seguin are obsessed with music. Together they comprise Lack of Focus, a band that, since September 2011, has been writing and recording their own music, as well as competing in two Rock Offs.

They find it difficult to precisely define their style, and though VonDoom said, "We truly believe that we bring something new to music and have trouble deciding which professional bands we sound most like," they agree that they have aspects of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, the Killers and Weezer infused in their style." A year after their first Rock Off they have played at some of Cleveland's most famous venues, including the Agora, Peabody's and The Grog Shop, and have recorded original music. "Inspiration for the songs comes mostly from classic teenage guy emotions and experience," said Crowley, who has recorded "Fool Song" and "Follow Me."

"Fool Song" can be found on their reverbnation.com page and "Follow Me" is located on kisscleveland.com/rockoff. The band aspires to be playing music into adulthood, and hopes to keep Lack of Focus alive. "There was a TV commercial recently that showed a group and kids starting a band, and then showed them as older men still jamming," said Crowley. "We can see that as us one day."

This past year, Lack of Focus has been steadily preparing for this year's Rock Off. "Last year, the Rock Off was our first performance outside of Jack [Crowley's] basement," said Louie Seguin, "and while it was fun, it was very new to us and we were glad to make it on to the finals." "From my point of view," said Crowley, "playing in front of however many hundred or thousand people is more comfortable than practicing in solitude; it feels incredibly natural." Lack of Focus is also in the process of recording an EP, which will be released in the near future.



GILES VONDOOM/THE SHAKERITE



Shaker Presence Felt at Rock Off

Several Shaker students showed off their musical talents Saturday Feb. 9 as they joined 15 other bands at the House of Blues Tri-C Rock Off.

Shaker students forged a strong presence with 11 band members participating.

Bands began playing at 4 p.m. Saturday Feb. 9 and filled the House of Blues with young musicians and performers hoping to win the \$1000 first prize award. At 11 p.m., the winning band, Noize From the Basement, was announced. Second and third place honors were also given out.

All three bands representing Shaker brought a different style to the stage.

Three's Company performed rap songs. Technicolor presented a pop/rock medley, and Lack of Focus played original rock pieces.

Though none of the three Shaker bands in the Rock Off received a prize, all gave great performances. The Plain Dealer featured Lack of Focus, Technicolor and Three's Company in an article published Feb. 9, giving the bands extra publicity.

Technicolor covered "This Love" by Maroon 5, "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz, "Ain't No Sunshine" by Bill Withers and "Bold As Love" by Jimi Hendrix. The band comprises juniors Mike Miller, Shane McKeon, Ullian Sindelar, and Arman Gerami.

Lead singer Lillian Sindelar appreciated the crowd's enthusiasm. "We were so excited to play at the House of Blues and we hope to get the chance again."

Technicolor has also played at The Grog Shop, and will be playing at The Winchester in Lakewood Feb. 23 at 9 p.m.

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PHOTO BY ELLIE MONTENEGRO

Girls Don't Hesitate To Ask Guys To Great Gatsby Gala

Students note ups and downs of a Sadie Hawkins approach to formal

ANNA O'CONNELL SPOTLIGHT EDITOR

In our culture, it is traditionally the boy's job to ask a girl to the upcoming dance. Anxiously anticipating an invitation, girls wait for weeks for a request.

Imagine the roles switched. Now, it's the guys' turn to wait around, feeling self-conscious when they don't get the immediate invitation. How would that feel?

The role reversal is commonly labeled as a "Sadie Hawkins" dance. The Sadie Hawkins dance is named after a Li'l Abner comic strip character named Sadie Hawkins created by Al Capp. In the strip, published Nov. 15, 1937, the unmarried women of the town chase after bachelors.

This year, the Shaker Sadie Hawkins dance is the Winter Formal, for which females are expected and encouraged to ask their own dates.

Senior Olivia Oswald welcomes the chance. "I like how we get to make the guys wait this time because they don't understand how it feels to anxiously wait around for someone to ask you. They always have complete power of who to ask and how, so I liked switching the roles. The power was finally in my hands, and I loved that!" The hit TV show "Glee" recently aired an episode about this dynamic, in which some students supported the dance, and others believed it is a waste of time. The episode began with character Tina Cohen-Chang complaining to her friends. She lamented, "It is now of-

ficially 142 days until prom where all the hot girls get immediately snatched up by all the hot guys and the sort-of hot girls get asked out by the sort-of hot guys, and then all the rest of us have to sit around and wait for all the nerds and the freaks and the burnouts and the losers to work up some courage and ask us out to the most awkward night."

As the episode unfolded, the girls created a dance and declared it a Sadie Hawkins event. Soon one male character awaiting an invitation wondered if "this is what girls feel like all the time."

Freshman Kyhe Boyle asked freshman Gus Hatch to the upcoming dance, which will occur March 2 in the South Gym. "It wasn't hard to ask," said Boyle. "It was nice to have the roles switched because the girls can be creative, and the boys can deal with the anxiety of not getting asked."

Boyle also discovered that being in the position to ask is not without problems. "It definitely makes you realize that thinking of a creative way to ask and finding the right person to ask can be difficult, and you have to worry about whether they'll say yes or no, or if you're too late and someone already asked them," she said. Although some male students find it hard to wait for an invitation, there are some who don't worry about going with a date.

"Well, if I get asked I get asked," said junior Luke Weinberg. "It's not something I'm going to be freaking out about... I probably won't say no, either, even if I'm not thrilled about who asks me 'cause I'd feel so bad if I got rejected, so I don't want to be a jerk."

No matter whether they ask, do the asking or want to attend solo, students can purchase tickets during lunch periods for \$10 each.

Female Students Prove to be Creative With Dance Invites

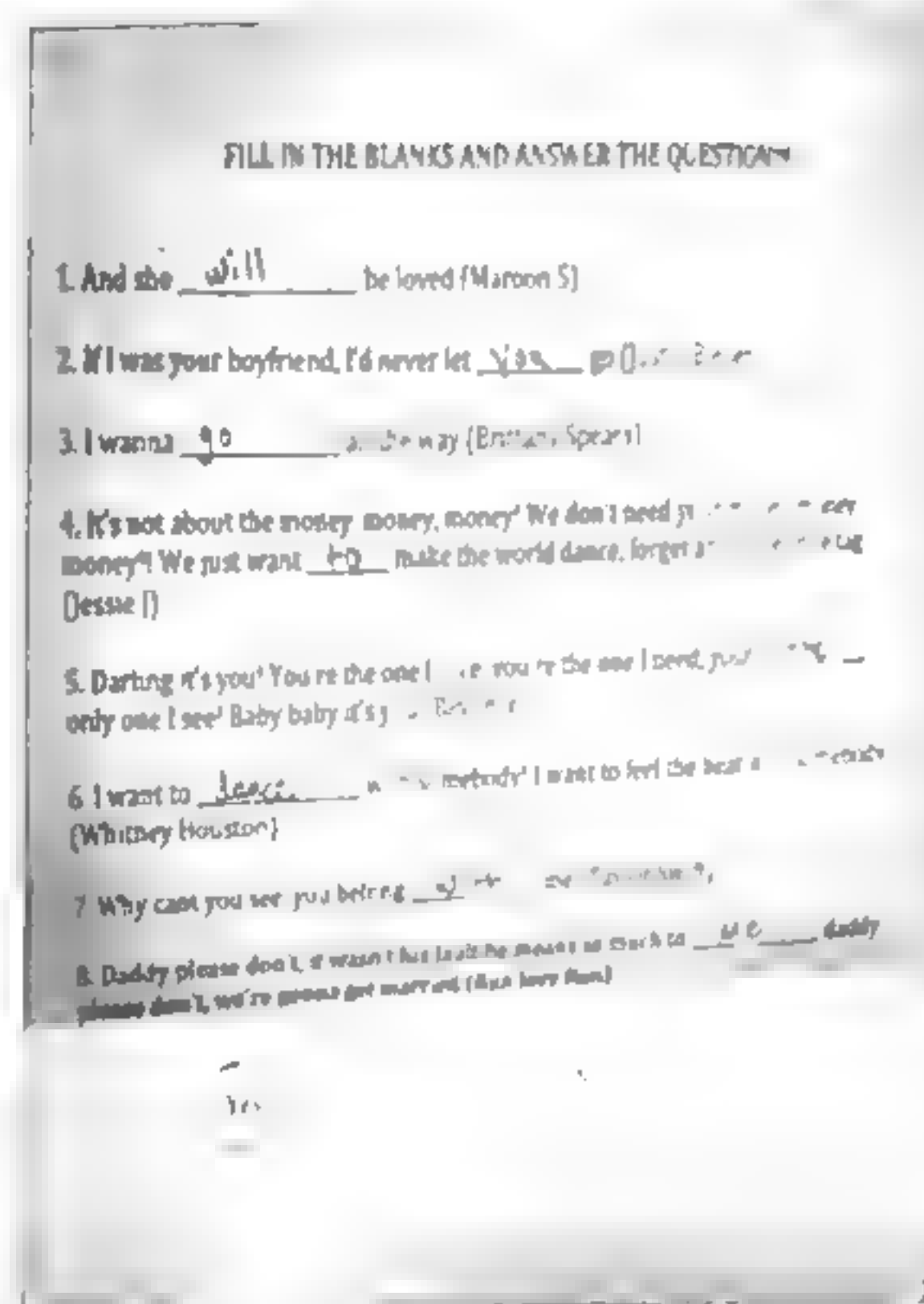
Even though the job is now in the hands of the female students, expectations of elaborate dance invitations persist. In recent years, boys have been in unofficial competition to stage the most dramatic ways of asking girls to dances. They've hung banners and posters, spelled out requests in apples and even made PA announcements.

Thanks to the Sadie Hawkins dance, senior Olivia Oswald is thrilled to unleash her creativity. "I really like the idea of asking a guy to a dance because guys always get to ask girls in cute ways, and I've always had so many ideas of how to ask someone but I never get to use any of them!"

Even freshmen are joining in the tradition of asking someone to be their date in a showy fashion. Freshman Kylie Boyle said, "I asked by having my sister walk up and give him an envelope that said 'Happy birthday!' on the front — it was his birthday that day, and it was the day he went in for SGORR, and my little sister is in his SGORR class — and a card asking him to the Winter Formal inside. Then I went to Woodbury to be there when he opened it and surprise him!"

Senior Mackenzie Richardson brought in a fish tank filled with goldfish to accompany the banner she hung as her invitation.

Students constantly keep thinking of creative new ideas that get more and more complex throughout the years.



Willa Alexander-Jaffe asked freshman Jack B. Stritz to the Gatsby Gala Tuesday Feb. 12 during her lunch period with a fill in the blank puzzle. Alexander-Jaffe said, "I was pretty nervous asking him. Now I know what boys have to go through!"



Senior Mackenzie Richardson asked senior Will Naugle to the Gatsby Gala Friday Feb. 8 with a giant banner hung in the hallway and among other accessories. Before school, Richardson taped up the banner in the senior hallway, where the proposal hung all day.



Senior Olivia Oswald asked senior Daniel Griffith to the Gatsby Gala Monday Feb. 11. Oswald said, "I really like the idea of asking a guy to a dance because guys always get to ask girls in cute ways, and I've always had so many ideas of how to ask someone but I never get to use any of them! I like how we get to make the guys wait this time because they don't understand how it feels to anxiously wait around for someone to ask you." Oswald is one of many who asked a boy to the Winter Formal, which will feature a 1920s theme inspired by F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel "The Great Gatsby."

NFL Needs Acceptance

The NFL is behind the times. NFL teams filled 15 head coach and general manager positions over the last few months. None were filled by minorities.

The NFL created the Rooney Rule in 2003, which required teams to interview ethnic minority candidates for head coaching and senior football operations jobs. But this round of hires has stripped it of its meaning.



Ari Ross

Then, during Super Bowl week, San Francisco 49ers cornerback Chris Culliver said he wouldn't want an openly gay player on his team.

Culliver told comedian Artie Lange, "I don't do the gay guys, man," and "[gay guys] can't be in the locker room, man," according to Yahoo Sports.

Currently, not a single openly gay player is in any of the four main professional sports -- football, baseball, basketball or hockey.

It is unacceptable for one of the biggest institutions in America -- one that millions of fans follow daily -- to discriminate against homosexuals and minorities.

More and more institutions are accepting homosexuality. Recently, the Boy Scouts have considered leaving the decision to admit openly gay scouts to individual troops. In the November election, voters in three states legalized gay marriage. Both Britain and France have legalized or begun to legalize gay marriage in the last month.

And yet players such as Culliver say homosexuals should not be in NFL locker rooms.

In the locker room, Football coach Jarvis Gibson said he does not tolerate teasing and ridicule, but he can't patrol the players every second.

"As long as they don't do anything to make someone feel uncomfortable, there wouldn't be a problem," senior quarterback Jimmy Pope said.

The NFL, along with its players, coaches and management needs to step up and stop this bigotry. The NFL has no harassment policy but needs to create one. The Rooney Rule needs revision, and the locker room's atmosphere needs changing.

The NFL should mandate that teams fill a certain percentage of management and coaching positions with qualified minority candidates and that minority candidates are interviewed for all open positions.

No longer can players tease each other in the locker room. Heavy fines should ensue for harassment and coaches, and the league needs to be more vigilant to help players who have trouble coping with the environment.

Given the NFL's prevalence in society, its acceptance of minorities can teach millions of others to be accepting and tolerant.



WILL MCKNIGHT/THE SHAKERITE

Senior Kash Blackwell looks to drive against Cleveland Heights at the Scholastic Play by Play Classic Jan. 6. Shaker came from behind to beat Cleveland Heights 70-68. Because of Shaker's move to the NOC, the rivalry has lost some of its fervor, however, Cleveland Heights Athletic Director Kristin Hughes said, "I think it's a good rivalry that we want to maintain in as many of our sports as we can right now."

No More Fights With Heights

With move to the NOC, Raiders no longer play Heights in many sports, including football

ARI ROSS, KYRA HALL AND SARAH-JANE LORENZO
RAIDER ZONE EDITOR, MANAGING EDITOR AND EDITOR IN CHIEF

For decades, the final moments of games against Cleveland Heights could spark silence across crowded stands as onlookers watched the Tigers and the Raiders battle it out.

But what will happen to the Cleveland Heights rivalry now?

Following Shaker's move from the Lake Erie League to the NOC, the high school's rivalry with Cleveland Heights has lost some of its fervor.

Shaker did not play Cleveland Heights in football this year, and the Shaker versus Cleveland Heights basketball game was played on a neutral court in the Scholastic Play By Play Classic.

Shaker's move to the NOC has left only three independent openings on the football schedule. Athletic Director Don Readance said that because of this, "Shaker is kind of in a tight spot trying to find a date that will work for both schools." Readance said schools sign two-year contracts to play each other in football over the course of



Don Readance



River McWilliams

two years. Shaker and Cleveland Heights would both have to have expiring contracts with other schools so that they could agree to one with each other.

River McWilliams, Shaker's starting quarterback in 2006-07, recalled the rivalry.

"No matter how good they were, or how good we were,

it was always the game we looked forward to because of the competitive rivalry. We could salvage a season just by getting a win against Heights," he said. McWilliams originally lived in Cleveland Heights before moving to Shaker. "It was always weird playing against the kids I grew up with, he said."

Despite acknowledging that the traditional rivalry might come to an end, McWilliams remained optimistic about the switch. "Switching conferences was better for the school, and we're going to create new rivalries, especially with Mentor, who is in the NOC."

Cleveland Heights Athletic Director Kristin Hughes described the rivalry as "tremendous." She said, "We were really disappointed when Shaker left the Lake Erie League because we knew it would be really challenging in terms of scheduling." Despite scheduling obstacles, Hughes said she hopes the rivalry will continue.

"Every year I work with Don Readance and I think we try to do what we can in terms of maintaining games in as many of our sports as possible," Hughes said. "I think it's a good rivalry that we want to maintain in as many of our sports as we can right now."

Cleveland Heights senior Andrew Bennett said the decrease in the number of games Shaker now plays against Cleveland Heights has made the rivalry less of a focus for students. "[The rivalry is] not really much anymore, just a bunch of people talking smack on Twitter," he said.

However, McWilliams believes that the initial rivalry was already isolated by Shaker versus Heights football and basketball. "Our hockey team's biggest rival was University School, and the baseball team's rival was Mentor," he said.

"A change in conference makes a big difference in sports because the rivalry is inevitably going to decline," McWilliams said. "It's not necessarily positive or negative, but it's part of tradition and it'd be weird not to keep it going."

Teachers Are Not Coaches Anymore



Head men's basketball coach Coach Danny Young is also SMS principal.

WILL MCKNIGHT/
THE SHAKERITE



Little added pay and lots of extra hours add up to fewer teachers taking on coaching demands

ARI ROSS RAIDER ZONE EDITOR

It's a question every Shaker athlete asks: Why did they hire this guy as our coach?

Years ago, high school athletic coaches were almost always teachers who worked in the buildings where their athletes attended school, and newly hired teachers were often encouraged to take on coaching duties.

In recent years, however, more coaches are coming from outside the ranks of teachers. This trend is evident at Shaker, where just 31.8 percent of athletic coaches are also teachers. Of Shaker's 66 athletic coaches, 21 are teachers.

Athletic Director Don Readance said that when a coaching position opens, Shaker first posts the position within the district and then advertises in The Plain Dealer

to attract outside candidates. Readance said that hiring teacher-coaches from the district is best. "Ideally, we'd like to hire from within," he said. "It's always a better situation if we

have a teacher from within the building, and secondary the district."

However, Readance said if all else fails, they look elsewhere. District candidates are not always qualified.

Readance said Shaker coaching hires must be fingerprinted for a background check, obtain a pupil activity license through taking an approved Ohio Department of Education class, get a tuberculosis test, have CPR certification, and take an online fundamentals of coaching course. All of these, except the TB test, are state requirements.

At Solon, Athletic Director Mark McGuire described a similar process. He said Solon first looks internally and then advertises outside the district. According to McGuire, however, approximately 75 to 80 percent of Solon's coaches also teach in the district.

Retired science teacher Rod MacLeod continues to coach the boys' cross country team and sees value in teacher-coaches. "Shaker always prefers to hire from within the district," he said, adding that coaches who teach can better understand that students have priorities and must make compromises.

Dave Englander, girls' cross country coach and fifth-grade teacher at Woodbury Elementary School, agreed. He said he thinks it's helpful if coaches teach, but not absolutely essential. "If a coach is not around kids outside of sports, they lose touch with the lives of kids," said Englander, who explained that because students have other priorities, coaches need the perspective of a teacher. "It's a nice perk to have [Englander] as a teacher because he has the same schedule as us," said senior

cross country runner Erin Cullen.

Readance said although it's a benefit, it's not always possible for teachers to coach because of their teaching workload.

Coaching hours range from more than 400 hours for a minor sport, to more than 600 hours for a major sport, according to several Shaker coaches who estimated their coaching hours for this story. Adding those hours to the time teachers spend at school and completing school work at home leaves little time for anything else.

However, "It doesn't take a teacher to know that students have other responsibilities," head football coach Jarvis Gibson said.

Gibson is not a teacher but has had success in all his coaching positions. He turned Shaker's football program around from a 2-8 record in his first season to 8-2 this year. At Cleveland South, where Gibson coached for five years, he compiled a 30-14 record.

Golf coach and physical education teacher John Schwartz said the proximity of a teacher-coach to student athletes is important. "I think you have to be around the kids you're coaching on a daily basis," Schwartz said.

What type of coach is hired depends on the situation, Readance said, and he enlists many people, including Assistant Athletic Director Stu Gilbert and Principal Michael Griffith, to help him find the right person to hire.

However, Schwartz said today Shaker can't get teachers to coach because of the time demands and minimal pay, along with the ever-increasing demands of teaching. "Shaker doesn't pay its coaches very well," he said. "You do it because you love it."

Raider Zone Updates

The men's basketball team is currently 13-6 and ranked sixth in the Plain Dealer High School Poll. Shaker is the third seed in the Solon district of the division I state tournament.

The Raider hockey team lost 4-1 to St. Ignatius in the Baron Cup I Final. The Raiders are the first seed in the Kent district of the hockey state tournament and are currently ranked fifth in the state.

The women's basketball team is currently 2-13, having beat Normandy and Colindale.

Four seniors signed their letters of intent on Feb. 7. Defensive and offensive Donovan Munger officially signed his letter of intent to attend The Ohio State University, wide receiver Derrick Burgess signed with Youngstown State, wide receiver Melran Leach signed with Ohio Dominican College and wide receiver and defensive back Anthony Kinney signed with Notre Dame College.

The women's swim team finished the regular season 1-9 overall, 0-5 in the NEO conference.

The men's swim team finished the regular season 5-4 overall, 1-4 in the NEO conference.

The wrestling team placed ninth at the NOC league tournament Feb. 2. Seniors Kevin Agee and Reginald Lowery placed second and third, respectively.

ARI ROSS

Bartley Makes History With 1000th Game

Hockey head coach adds longevity milestone to resume that already includes most wins for Ohio with Raiders' 3-0 defeat of Lake Catholic

ALEX SMITH RAIDERS ZONE EDITOR

When he surpassed 585 wins in a game against Canfield High School two years ago, Shaker varsity hockey coach Mike Bartley became the winningest hockey coach in Ohio history. On Jan. 4, Bartley solidified his legendary status by coaching the 1,000th game in his 37 year career: a 3-0 victory over Lake Catholic.

Bartley is very humble and modest; he often deflects most compliments. It's not easy to get him to talk about his accomplishments. However, in his office at the back of the Raiders' men's locker room is a thorough display showcasing his Shaker history, a history that runs deep.

"The milestone shows how committed he is to the program," senior forward Connor Siwik said of Bartley's 1,000th game. "Playing for a coach with such experience instills so much confidence as a team, knowing that we're in good hands."

For Bartley, the stats don't matter as much as the team. When asked about reaching his 1,000th game, Bartley said, "It doesn't really mean a great deal to be

honest. My priority is just working with my team, preparing my team to be at their best all the time. I have been very fortunate to have a lot of very good teams throughout the years."

Bartley has led Shaker hockey to 10 state semifinals and has returned from those state tournaments with three state championships (1981, 1993 and 2001). Bartley said the 2001 state championship is the one that especially stands out to him. He recognized his team's underdog status and was especially proud that his son, Matt, was the captain who led them to the ring. Matt now serves as one of Bartley's assistant coaches.

Bartley institutes a "work hard, get better" mentality with his players. "He motivates us to work hard on and off the ice," junior forward Jack Hanley said. "From that motivation I have grown not only as a player, but as a person. You don't find a lot of coaches that can have that sort of impact on their players."

Bartley came to Shaker following a short stint as a professional minor league hockey player. He played in the Canadian junior leagues prior to skating for Bowling Green State University. Following his playing career, Bartley served as a graduate assistant coach at BGSU. Considering Bartley's extensive past with the sport, it is no surprise that he emphasizes his love of hockey. When asked what he enjoyed most about coaching, he said, "Just being involved with the game.

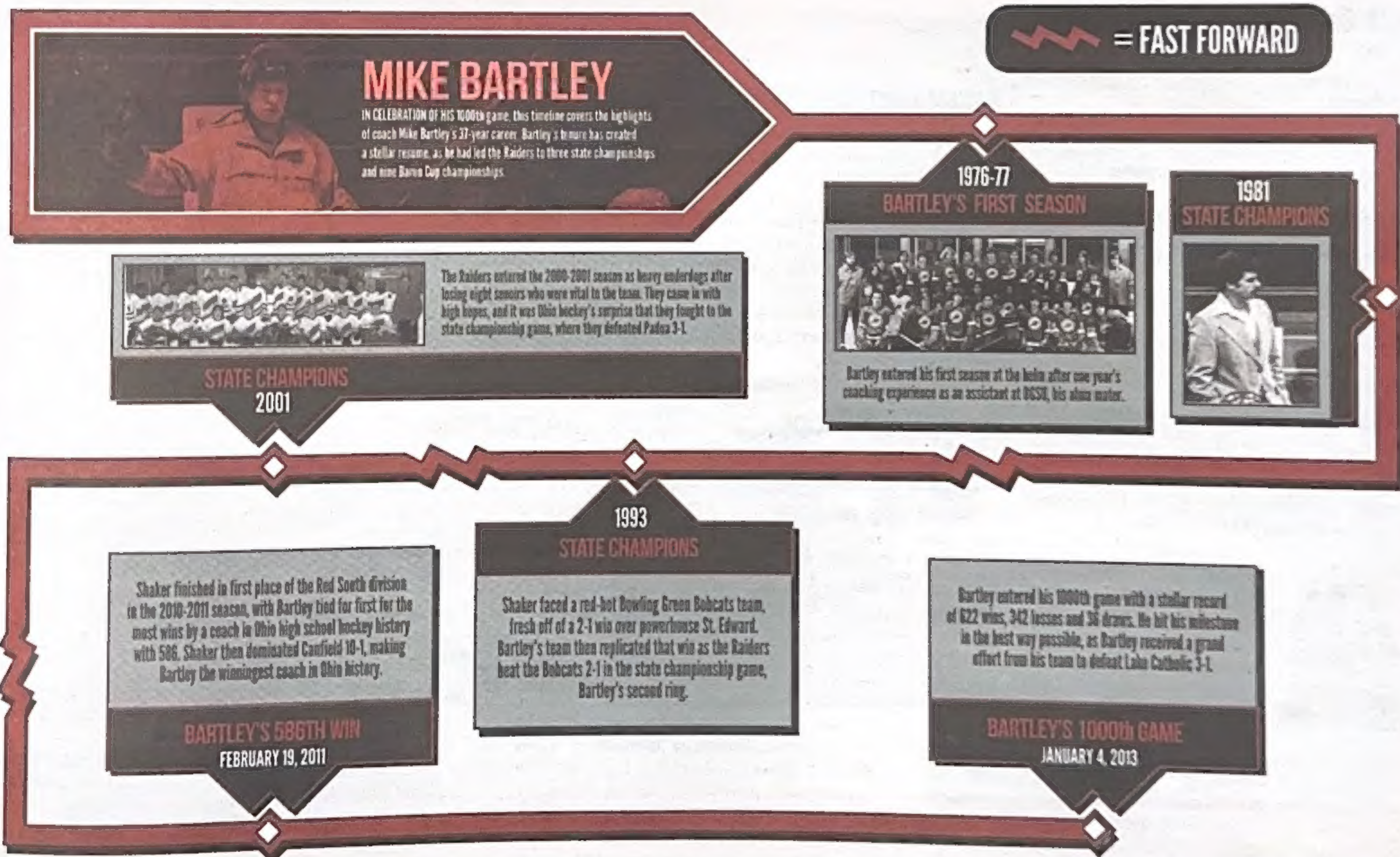
I've been involved with hockey my whole life... Working with the players and seeing them develop, that is the most rewarding part."

Bartley has not only overseen the "coldest classroom" in Shaker, Thornton Park, but has also been dedicated to the district throughout his coaching career as a physical education teacher. "It has been a pleasure to coach and teach in such a fine school district as Shaker Heights," Bartley said. "I have worked so many outstanding athletes and students through the years."

This season, Bartley led the Raiders to the Baron Cup tournament championship, where they suffered a heartbreaking loss to St. Ignatius, 4-1. However, they have brought back two other tournament championships this season; the Walsh Jesuit Invitational and the Bruce Andersen Memorial Tournament.

With those tournament wins and a 6-4 Red North record in hand, Shaker faced the district tournament with a 22-7 overall mark.

Siwik expects tough competition on their road to the state championship in Columbus. "We have to play every game to our full potential," Siwik said. "That's the philosophy Coach Bartley has emphasized throughout my Shaker career. We can't win states without that killer mentality, and I've seen this team work to that potential. We're not going to take it for granted."



Celebrity Look-Alikes

JOHN VODREY



David Perchiske



Colt McCoy



Amanda Ahrens



Kristen Wig



Walter Slovickowski



Steve Jobs

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Match Game: Vowel-Palooza 2013

LEO IZEN

Try to match these words with their correct definitions!

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|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Obsequious | A. Redwood tree |
| 2. Aqueous | B. Covered in goo |
| 3. Sequoia | C. Line up |
| 4. Onomatopoeia | D. Obsessively obedient |
| 5. Queue | E. Alcohol found in plants |
| 6. Zoeae | F. Containing water |
| 7. Gooiest | G. From Hawaii |
| 8. Hawaiian | H. Word that means a sound |
| 9. Gualol | I. Free-swimming larva |

Bonus question: What do all nine of these words have in common?



Bonus: They all have four or more vowels in a row.
1. D 2. F 3. A 4. H 5. C 6. I 7. B 8. G 9. E

Heard in the Halls

"No, it's your weakness for Pop-Tarts and your lack of self control that make your booty look big."

Dec 19, 8:03 a.m.

"If he get on my nerves one more time, imma smack him with a fire extinguisher."

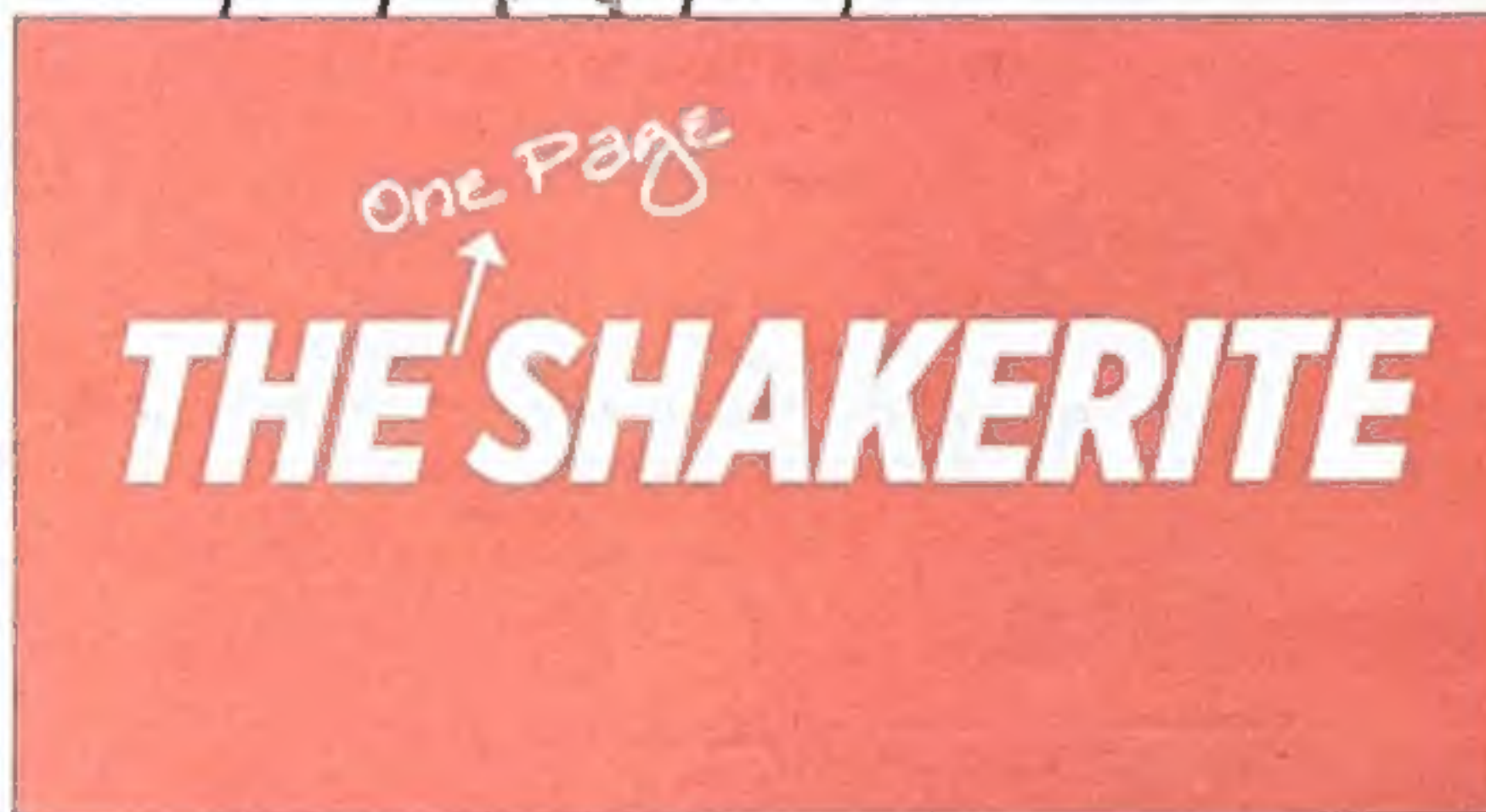
Feb 4, 12:18 p.m.

"You smell like a puppy!"

Feb 12, 2:35 p.m.

"I swear Satan's about to burst through our windows!"

Feb 11, 1:30 p.m.



Raider Rant: Give Me More Movie Violence Right Now!

LEO IZEN

Movies nowadays aren't violent enough!

In "Django Unchained," only, what, 50 people died? Come on! The explosion didn't even kill the guys! Explosions kill people! It's a fact!

Movies need to step it up a bit. More gunshots, more explosions, more car wrecks, more death. Movies are no fun when butterflies fly between dandelions in a meadow. We need more blood and gore fests!

Violence isn't the answer. It's the question, and the answer is, "Of course!" Would you rather see a giant rabbit frolicking between trees, or setting up razor sharp spike traps for flying squirrels while shooting arrows at chipmunks?

Take your pick: sheltering or fun!

Really Quick Recipe

NOA SHAPIRO-FRANKLIN

Chocolate+ Microwave+ Anything= Fondue

Slowly melt chocolate and dip in fruits, brownies, cake, or anything else you think would taste good to add a fancy touch.



Disney Lyrics Quiz

FRANCI DOUGLASS AND ABBY BRINDZA

Think you know all of Disney's best lyrics? Name the movies spawned these quotes:

1. I can go the distance
2. A new fantastic point of view
3. I just can't wait to be king
4. Mister, I'll make a man out of you
5. Put our service to the test
6. There you see her, sitting there across the way
7. You've got a friend in me

Answers: 1. Hercules, 2. Aladdin, 3. Lion King, 4. Mulan, 5. Beauty and the Beast, 6. The Little Mermaid, 7. Toy Story.

The Meh List

SHANE MCKEON

Report Cards

Super Bowl Ads

Valentine's Day

NHD

Nickelback

This Should Be a Word

SARAH SHAW

\$waggravating (adj.) Having so much swag you drive everyone nuts.

Stop being \$waggravating. That YOLO hat looks stupid on you.



SASHA RAE GRANT

Joke's On You

ELANA ROSS

If the ruler of Russia were called a Czar and his wife the Czarina, what would his children be called?

Czardines!



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